

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING
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MISSION

The mission of the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina is the protection of public health, safety and welfare by assuring safe and competent practice of nursing.

This mission is accomplished by assuring safe initial practice as well as continuing competency in the practice of nursing and by promoting nursing excellence in the areas of education and practice. The Board licenses qualified individuals as licensed practical nurses or registered nurses. Complaints against nurses are investigated and disciplinary action taken when necessary. Schools of nursing are surveyed and approved to ensure quality education for future nurses.

BOARD VACANCY

There is currently a vacancy for a registered nurse on the State Board of Nursing representing Congressional District Six. Board members must be licensed in South Carolina, employed in nursing, have at least three years of nursing practice immediately preceding their appointment, and reside in the district which they represent. Any registered nurse interested in this position should submit a letter of request, along with curriculum vitae to Jarrett Martin, Boards and Commissions, Governor's Office, State of South Carolina, Post Office Box 11829, Columbia, SC 29211.

REVISED NURSE PRACTICE ACT INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

The revised Nurse Practice Act has been introduced in the General Assembly for this legislative session. Senate Bill 898 has successfully passed subcommittees, committees as well as the full Senate and has been sent to the House of Representatives. To view the full text of the bill, current status and history, please go to http://www.scstatehouse.net/sess115_2003-2004/bills/898.htm. This link is also available on the Board web site.

The Board would like to thank everyone who participated in the public meetings held across the state in 2003. Your suggestions and input were a vital part of this process.

BOARD ADMINISTRATOR SELECTED FOR NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc. (NCSBN) selected Martha Bursinger, Administrator for the State Board of Nursing, as a fellow in the first Annual Institute of Regulatory Excellence (Institute). Ms. Bursinger was one of only 25 applicants nationwide to be chosen for this four-year program. The Institute is charged with expanding the knowledge of graduate-level regulatory education through research and scholarly work. The Institute will assist regulators in their professional development by providing opportunities for both education and networking with others. As a fellow, Ms. Bursinger will complete a research project addressing a nursing issue, which contributes to the scholarly and intellectual life of NCSBN. Ms. Bursinger said, "This is a unique opportunity to learn more about regulation and leadership from nationally known contributors who have published and are well known in their fields. Being able to network with these individuals and share information generated from our research projects on an ongoing basis will greatly benefit me and the board." In January, the first seminar focused on "Public Policy Development and the Role of Nursing Regulators."

APRN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION RENEWAL

All Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) with advanced practice status expiring January 31, 2005 were mailed a one-year renewal in early February. This renewal extends your APRN recognition to the same expiration date as your registered nurse license, April 30, 2006.

Thank you for taking advantage of the online renewal system as the majority of APRNs have chosen to renew by that method.

If you have not received a renewal application, please contact Sandra Bryant at 803-896-4524 or e-mail bryants@llr.sc.gov. The deadline for renewing is midnight, April 30, 2004.

RENEWAL UPDATE – David Christian, Program Coordinator- Licensing

I want to thank you for your patience and courage to weather the renewal period. This renewal season was an overwhelming success. I want to recognize members of our staff that contributed more than required of them to make the overall renewal period a positive event. We must recognize two individuals that enhanced our ability to provide online renewals. A well deserved thank you to Naline Patin and Jim Sauls who worked numerous hours in support of our automation requirements, which fueled the online process. Janet Scheper and Brandi Risher headed the renewal team, which produced far beyond my expectations - a salute to them and their team. There are many more contributors, but I wanted to identify this small group individually.

More than 18,000 nurses renewed online and I would like to share some of their comments. A registered nurse wrote, "this is a wonderful service and the two-year renewal is also a welcomed change." An advanced practice registered nurse wrote, "It is about time we are offered an opportunity to renew online. Now you must provide us with more options to submit payment." A licensed practical nurse wrote that she was amazed at the ease of the process; however, she wished that we advertised this option more than we did this renewal season.

We have consolidated some of our licensing processes to provide better service to our applicants. The new process will be seamless to our applicants; however, we no longer will utilize a single individual as a point of contact for particular services. A group consisting of four licensing associates will receive calls and respond to them. This will permit us to be more responsive to inquiries. The implementation of technologies has become our focal point. Using that as our premise, we have placed all applications on our web site to include exams, endorsements, reinstatements, and reactivations. We are researching additional systems to allow more services and payments on line. The next major development is a newly designed wall certificate for our nurses, which will be implemented by March 2004.

NURSING PRACTICE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Nursing Practice and Standards Committee (NPSC) is currently in need of nurses to fill membership vacancies in the areas of licensed practical nurse (LPN) Acute Care and Pediatric practice. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please send a current resume and request to serve to the attention of Maggie Johnson, SC Board of Nursing, Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211.

ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A NEW SC BOARD OF NURSING COMMITTEE - Juliann Moore, APRN & Linda Bellig, APRN

The Advanced Practice Committee (APC) is a new standing Committee appointed by the South Carolina Board of Nursing. Previously functioning as a subcommittee for the Nursing

Practice and Standards Committee, this group had originally been organized in 2001 to advise the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, as well as the Board of Nursing on advanced nursing practice guidelines and scope of practice. Meeting four times a year, the Committee actively worked with the Board's Nurse Consultant for Practice on questions and concerns about advanced nursing practice in South Carolina. Issues that the Committee has worked on during the past year include development of a curriculum for the additional prescriptive privileges available to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs), reviews of APRN certification organizations, and clarification of supervision and educational responsibilities of APRNs for other health professionals.

With changes in the Nurse Practice Act and growth of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) in South Carolina, there emerged a need for the Advanced Practice subcommittee to attain full committee status to better meet the needs of the Board of Nursing. Communication between this Committee and the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee, however, continues to be vital within this new structure. Often, questions associated with registered nursing practice may have issues that overlap with Advanced Practice Nursing and vice versa. The Advanced Practice Committee (APC) will report directly to the Board of Nursing on work delegated to them by the Board and Committee minutes and information will continue to be shared with the Nursing Practice and Standards Committee as well as the Board.

The APC will continue to assist the Nurse Consultant for Practice with questions related to Advanced Nursing Practice and serve as a resource regarding scope of practice, practice guidelines, trends in Advance Nursing Practice and related issues. The APC meets bimonthly and the meetings are open to the public in accordance with the requirements of FOIA.

Committee membership represents multiple areas of APRN practice to effectively respond to current practice and standards issues and membership is approved by the Board of Nursing. Members of the new committee have Official Recognition from the Board Of Nursing and have at least two years clinical practice as an APRN since obtaining Official Recognition. Members of the APC include representation from Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Practitioners from various specialties, Certified Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Nurse Midwives and APRN education.

The new committee has vacancies and would like to see more APRNs participate. The Committee offers opportunities to work with other Advanced Practice Registered Nurses outside of one's specialty and can be a valuable, rewarding experience to the individual. Anyone who is interested should forward his or her resume to Maggie Johnson, Nurse Consultant for Practice, at the Board Of Nursing. Additional members will be added to the Committee in July 2004.

HAVE YOU MOVED?

So that you do not miss important information such as your renewal, please be sure to notify the Board whenever you change addresses. Regulation 91-12.5 requires that all licensees to notify the Board *in writing* within 15 days of an address change. You may use the form included at the top of your license mailer or submit a letter including your name (as shown on your license), license number, former address and new address as well as your new telephone number. You may also change your address on-line utilizing the address change form found on our website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/nursing/. There is no fee for an address change.

DISCIPLINARY INFORMATION



The S.C. Nursing Board publishes all disciplinary actions on the following web site link:

www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Nursing/index.asp?file=final%20orders.htm

If you have any questions, please contact Phyllis Glenn, Administrative Assistant, Compliance Department at (803) 896-4535.

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Office Location/Hours of Operation

The State Board of Nursing is located at Synergy Business Park, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Suite 202, Columbia, SC 29210. Directions to our office can be found on our web site. Our mailing address is Post Office Box 12367, Columbia, SC 29211-2367. Our hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, except for designated state holidays.

Designated State Holidays for Remainder of 2004

Confederate Memorial Day	May 10
National Memorial Day	May 31
Independence Day	July 5 (Observed)
Labor Day	September 6
Veterans Day	November 11
Thanksgiving	November 25
Day After Thanksgiving	November 26
Christmas Day & Day After	December 24 (Observed)
Day After Christmas	December 27 (Observed)

Board & Committee Meetings for Remainder of 2004

Apr. 15, 2004	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Apr. 20, 2004	Advisory Committee on Nursing
May 20-21, 2004	Board of Nursing Meeting
May 21, 2004	Advanced Practice Committee
Jun. 15, 2004	Advisory Committee on Nursing
Jun. 17, 2004	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Jul. 16, 2004	Advanced Practice Committee
Jul. 22-23, 2004	Board of Nursing Meeting
Aug. 17, 2004	Advisory Committee on Nursing

Aug. 19, 2004	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Sep. 17, 2004	Advanced Practice Committee
Sep. 23-24, 2004	Board of Nursing Meeting
Oct. 19, 2004	Advisory Committee on Nursing
Oct. 21, 2004	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Nov. 5, 2004	Advanced Practice Committee
Nov. 18-19, 2004	Board of Nursing Meeting
Dec. 9, 2004	Nursing Practice & Standards Committee
Dec. 14, 2004	Advisory Committee on Nursing